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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) JAMES L. SWIGER. (3) _____.

(2) Brian Hollace. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 20 May 2008.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 12.

Identification of prior art discussed: Serra et al. (US Patent 7,255,702).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner, Art Unit 3733

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: representative for applicant wanted to discuss the refusal of entry/allowance for the After Final submitted 4/24/2008. Applicant stated that the amendments made to claims 1 and 12, were previous dependent claims, that were cancelled and incorporated into the independent claim. These claims were previously rejected. To point out the claim limitations for at least claim 1, the examiner stated that the arm 60 in Serra et al. is considered a depth selection assembly and the fixable sleeve is item 65. The depth selection assembly of Serra controls the resecting member as it has the ability to move up and downward (see fig. 12) to control the depth of the resecting member (distal to 70). The sleeve (65) is disclosed as a 'reamer shuttle' which controls movement and constrains motion. The selection portion of the depth assembly (the elongated slot) engages the sleeve (see fig. 11, pin area 67) and the sleeve has the ability to operably engage into the selection portion and move the resecting member relatively. Applicant pointed out for claim 12, however, that Serra did not 'teach each and every element of the claimed invention' because it failed to disclose details concerning a "stop." It was agreed that Serra et al. did not disclose a 'stop' per se, and its absence did not preclude its patentability, possibly requiring additional search. Pending claim 31 was not discussed.